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HB 215

## Fwd: Winchester

From: **Elmer Diederich** (elmer@elmerdiederich.com)  
Sent: Tue 1/22/13 8:20 AM  
To: edgreef@hotmail.com

----- Original Message -----

**Subject:** Winchester

**Date:** Mon, 21 Jan 2013 23:48:29 -0700

**From:** Elmer Diederich <[elmer@elmerdiederich.com](mailto:elmer@elmerdiederich.com)>

**To:** [edgreef@hotmail.com](mailto:edgreef@hotmail.com)

In reference to H.B. 215: I have been a Montana historian for the past 30 years. My wife and I are 100% for having the 1873 Winchester rifle dedicated as a Montana Historical rifle.

Thanks and all the best  
Elmer and Jan Diederich  
Big Timber MT

## HB 215 Endorsement

From: **terry steigers** (terbear1@bresnan.net)

Sent: Tue 1/22/13 2:52 PM

To: edgreef@hotmail.com

Ed,

My name is Terry Steigers, and I am the the State President of the Weapons Collectors Society of Montana, which has approximately 1,100 to 1,200 members statewide. I was informed about HB 215 by Rick Bachman, and I would like to add my personal endorsement for this bill. My father, Keith Steigers, who is the President of District 4 of the WCSM asked me to extend his endorsement also. District 4 includes Missoula and Ravalli Counties.

Thank you for your time and efforts to pass this bill.

Terry K. Steigers

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From: **Barbara Borchardt** (riverviewstudio@centurytel.net)

Sent: Mon 1/21/13 12:06 PM

To: edgreef@hotmail.com

> My name is Bob Borchardt and I have been a Montana resident and  
> historian for over 40 years.  
> I am sending my endorsement for HB 215, as the 1873 Winchester did  
> play a very important role in  
> Montana's history, both as a territory and a state. The 1873  
> Winchester, both rifle and carbine,  
> played a significant role in the settling of Montana.

## 73 winchester

From: **ferris jackson** (lvtnmt@yahoo.com)  
Sent: Mon 1/21/13 3:06 PM  
To: edgreef@hotmail.com (edgreef@hotmail.com)

hi

rick sent me an email and ask if i would drop you a line in support of H.B. 215.  
even though i'm not from your area, i think it a good idea.

keep up the good work

ferris jackson  
livingston

## State Firearm

From: **James Court** (custertours@gmail.com)

Sent: Sun 1/20/13 10:07 PM

To: edgreef@hotmail.com

I find your bill to designate the Winchester '73 as the state firearm interesting and historical. I feel I could be supportive of that.

With your interest in history I hope you will become a member of the Montana Historical Society. I also hope you will avail yourself of the opportunity to visit the storage areas of the building and see things that are not available to the general public to see. Check with anyone at the Society office and arrange for a visit for you and others to see the inner workings. As a member of the MHS Board I'm particularly pleased with your interest in history.

As you know the Western Meadowlark is our State Bird (it is also state bird of several other states). The Meadowlark deserts the state come the first hint of bad weather. A more fitting State Bird would be the Magpie which lives in the state yearround and exhibits the tendencies of most Montanans in being independent, resourceful and even beautiful. I know the magpie has been vilified for many years - but think about having a bird that is truly unique and representative of our great state. I would like at least to get the Meadowlark - a part time resident - removed as our state bird. Something you might want to consider.

Thanks again for your interest.

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<http://mhs.mt.gov/pub/membership/default.asp>

## **winchester 73**

From: **roxie1@q.com**

Sent: Wed 1/23/13 4:11 PM

To: edgreef@hotmail.com

Ed please encourage the necessary approval of this great rifle to represent our great state.  
thanks ken stephens corvallis mt